

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 5, line 14, as follows:

The brake shoe portion 50 has, inside a main body portion 50a thereof, the pair of spring mechanisms 51, 52 that are arranged, within the surface of revolution of the sheave 1, in an upwardly open V-shaped configuration on both sides of the longitudinal centerline of the main body portion 50a in the state where the portion of the brake shoe 5a which abuts the inner wall of the outer peripheral frame (inner side of the outer peripheral surface) of the sheave 1 faces downwards. The spring mechanisms 51, 52 are of the same construction and are provided with compression coil springs 5e1, 5e2 with bolts 5g1, 5g2 serving as their shafts, respectively. Movable wedge portions 5i1, 5i2, and adjusting wedge portions 5h1, 5h2 are provided on the lower and upper sides of the coil springs 5e1, 5e2, respectively.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 24, as follows:

It should be noted that while the foregoing description is directed to the case where the car 3 moves upwards, the same operation and effect can be achieved in the case where the car 3 moves downwards as well, because the structure of the emergency brake 5 is symmetrical on the right and left sides of its centerline. Further, while in the foregoing description an abnormal speed of the car 3 traveling in the upward direction is sensed and the car is stopped, it is also possible, by abutting the brake shoe 5a against the inner wall of the sheave 1 while the car 3 is at rest, to prevent an abnormal ascent or ~~[[decent]]~~ descent of the car 3 not only when the car moves at an abnormal speed but also when the passengers get on or off the elevator while the car is at rest.